



COMMUNITY ACTION ROMANIA NEWSLETTER JAN 2018

Dear friends

Wow, what a year 2017 has been again one of heights and challenges. The year got off to a difficult start with Pastor Daniel suffering a life threatening heart attack resulting in the need for urgent surgery in Timisoara. This meant a significant portion of the work fell on Danny and Sarah's shoulders.

We are just so grateful to all our partners for your prayers and practical support which has resulted in a remarkable year

In the Community

At Christmas over 70 children attended the Christmas party. One of the activities was to create a coloured fridge magnet with a Bible verse



In September we were able to supply all the children with exercise books containing the syllabus in Romania. Once again we thank the amazing contribution made by the children of Leighton Middle School and others. In 2018 we are planning to buy exercise mats and desks

In November the team were able to support some families with wood for winter. With the temperatures potentially dropping to -20C these supplies are real life savers





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In December all the families in the Adopt a Friend (AaF) scheme again received Christmas gifts plus a special food bag containing; juice, coffee and chocolates in addition to their normal food parcel. The charity was also able to fund a fellowship hot meal at the church for them and for those that were too infirm to travel food was distributed to them where practical.



We continue to support over 37 families so over 80 people attended for the Christmas meal

We are looking for more sponsors as not all our families are fully supported. If you can help please contact Lynn Edwards

The fire engine donated by CAR and the Jimni are in regular use attending over 40 incidents including field, forest and property fires.



The Jimni 4x4 also has been incredibly helpful in distributing the food for the more remote families of AaF.

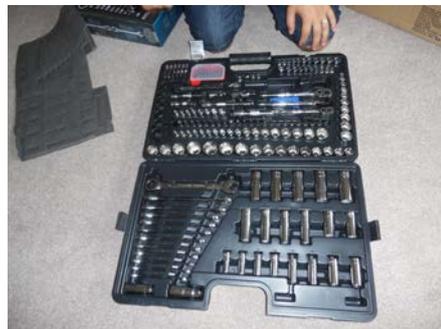
The team also visited local schools to help in fire prevention training and safety including evacuation.





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To support the maintenance of the fire engine and Jimni we also provided an extensive 250 piece tool kit



In the summer the youth sports and health centre was refurbished with plaster boards replaced, a security door purchased and a new coat of paint. Help from the UK and Romania contributed to the artwork. Our prayer is that we will be able to replace some of the broken and worn out equipment. If you know of anyone with who would be prepared to buy or contribute to new aerobic equipment such as cross trainers or cycling machines please do let us know

In October the region was hit by a major storm that flattened 100's of acres of forest and damaged countless houses. In Carand several properties lost their entire roofs. CAR has been able to help some of the families least able to help themselves with practical help and also finances for roofing. A big thank you to Hockliffe Street Baptist Church for their response and support.





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In the Church



In May Danny was formally interviewed, accepted and ordained as a pastor of the Pentecostal Association of Romania. This is a real recognition of his maturity, spiritual development and work and we thank God for this development.



There is no stipend/remuneration for this appointment so Danny and Sarah are still dependent on their sponsors for their support

Sarah continues to lead and support a midweek women's Bible study as well as the all age Sunday school, which is quite a challenge. When they can, Danny and Sarah also meet with the young people for adventure and outreach on a Saturday morning and although this stopped in the last quarter they hope to restart the meetings when the weather improves



2017 also saw the children of the church given Bibles thanks to funding from CAR and the purchase of a Study Bible. Also they had the privilege of baptising two of the young people in the church (Marius and Larisa)



Another development in the church was the decision to engage the church in providing shoe boxes to disadvantaged children. Although the community in Carand is not financially secure they were able to pull together to create over 80 shoe boxes to be sent to Moldova (an extremely impoverished area in Romania)

Finally as part of the outreach to the village every house received a calendar with pictures of the village and a monthly Bible reflection

Practical Help

Danny continues to drive local people to the doctors and/or hospital on a regular basis.



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Charity news

We are delighted to let you know that Andrew Golba from Doncaster has agreed to become a trustee for CAR. Andrew regularly visits the team in Romania and encourages them in their work.

2017 in Summary

- **Pastor Daniel recovers from heart attack and medication costs supported by CAR donors**
- **Danny Ordained**
- **Educational supplies for all pupils and art and craft material supplied**
- **Over 40 fire incidents attended by the team**
- **Children receive fire training in schools**
- **Christmas gifts and parties for children and the Adopt a Friend families**
- **Restoration of damaged property after the severe storm**
- **Jimni 4X4 fitted with off road tyres to support attending fires in rough terrain**
- **Youth gym and health centre renovated**
- **Church development and outreach included**
 - **Ladies group continues**
 - **Sunday school supplies**
 - **Children's club Saturdays**
 - **Calendars to all the village**
 - **Carol singing**
 - **Shoe box appeal**
 - **Baptismal classes and baptisms**

Other News

The economic situation continues to be difficult in Romania and although inflation is reported as 3.5% in some of the basic commodities (e.g. wood for heating) there has been a rise of as much as 20%. There has been no increase for many in wages, consequently the rural communities are still really struggling. Couple this with the devaluation of the £ and the support we give either costs more or buys less. Last year we managed to increase our donations to Pastor Daniel and Danny and Sarah for the work they do and while the team never ask for help or funding trusting God to supply however, we would like to increase their funding again and want to ask you if you are in a position to help.

THIS IS A BIG ASK. There are several key areas we are asking for financial support

1. We are committing to increase Pastor Daniel, Vetuta, Danny and Sarah's support by 5% and asking their supporters if they can help
2. The funding for pastor Daniel's medical supplies (post his operation) actually runs out in April and we need to find several people who can help meet this £80 a month commitment
3. Our adopt a friend scheme is running at 10-15% deficit (2 families remain unfunded) we are seeking more sponsors to support for Adopt a friend families, without this we may have to reduce what families receive and will not be able to take on new families
4. Support for the general fund of CAR that supports;
 - a. The benevolent fund for use in Romania



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- b. Christmas meals and party
- c. Insurances and charity expenses (less than 4% of all costs)
5. Support for purchasing new aerobic/cardiovascular equipment for the gym

We appreciate any gift large or small 'one off' or small amounts by regular donation. If you are unable to help financially we understand and would just ask for your prayers and perhaps to see if you know others that would be prepared to help.

Prayer Requests

While money is important we acknowledge the Lord is our provider so your prayers for our work including the team here and in Romania are really appreciated.

For more pictures see the 2017 see the video on the website Visit; www.comactrom.com/2017-in-brief

To make a one off donation or to leave us a message, Visit; www.comactrom.com/contact-donate

With our grateful thanks from all the Community Action Romania Team in the UK

Roger Edwards (Chairman) & Lynn Edwards

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